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SENATOR BRUNING: Senator, it wasn't an absolute. The Exec Board had to approve it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Bruning. That's all that I have. Members of the Legislature, I have had conversations with Senator Bruning off the floor about this bill, too. Now a chairman should not buck the responsibility to somebody else. Well, talk to Senator Wickersham. Well, why didn't you as the chairman do this? Well, because Senator Wehrbein, who's a respected member, voted against the bill. That has nothing to do with Senator Bruning's responsibilities as a chairperson. And soon as I hear a person who has the responsibility trying to buck that responsibility to somebody else to avoid blame for a dereliction, I think it's a breach of the responsibilities of that chairman. He was offended because he said people out here think he's a peanut. Well it seems to me that he's been treated like a peanut by people on the committee because that's the role he has chosen to fill. I'm confused frankly by what Senator Bruning is trying to tell us. He voted to send the bill out here. He said people treat him like a peanut because the bill should pass, LB 801, or whatever point he was making. Now he's telling us he takes low any time that Senator Wickersham or Senator Wehrbein or Senator Stuhr disagrees with something. You all may be interested in friendship and collegiality. I am interested in structure, system and responsibilities of positions. And I don't think that in this case adequate leadership was shown by the chair. So rather than just acknowledge that maybe there was a fumble of the ball to try to blame Senator Wickersham or somebody else makes no sense to me. If that amendment...if that motion stays up there, this bill lays over. I'd like to ask Senator Bruning another question.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Senator Bruning, would you yield?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Bruning, did I come to you to inform you of the fact that this motion was going to be made, Senator Coordsen's motion to return the bill to amend it?

SENATOR BRUNING: Yes, after Senator Coordsen had come to me,